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CHAMBERSBURG mSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 8.7% IN DECEMBER

HARRISBURG (FEBRUARY 2) – The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Chambersburg Micropolitan Statistical Area (mSA) rose two-tenths of a percentage point in December to 8.7 percent. Over the year, the rate was up 2.9 percentage points. Franklin County tied with Bradford County for the 24th lowest unemployment rate in December among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. Centre County had the lowest rate at 6.0 percent, while Cameron County had the highest rate at 16.6 percent. Pennsylvania’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December increased four-tenths of a percentage point to 8.9 percent, while the United States’ rate was at 10 percent for the second consecutive month.

- **Total nonfarm jobs in the mSA remained unchanged at 56,800 in December.** Over the year, nonfarm jobs in the mSA decreased 3,700 (6.1 percent), while the statewide over-the-year decrease was 2.6 percent.
- Manufacturing was down 100 to 8,300, the lowest level since the start of the current data set in 1990. Over the year, manufacturing jobs decreased 2,200, a 21.0 percent decline.
- Mining, logging & construction jobs fell 300 due to colder weather. Over the year, jobs in this supersector were down 400, a decline of 16.7 percent.
- Leisure & hospitality jobs increased 500 due to the start of the ski season at Whitetail Resort. However, jobs in the supersector fell 200 since December 2008.

TABLE 1
CHAMBERSBURG MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
(Franklin County)

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE 1/

TIME PERIOD	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
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December 2009	79,100	72,300	6,700	8.5	79,100	72,200	6,900	8.7
November	79,600	73,000	6,600	8.3	79,800	73,000	6,800	8.5
October	79,900	73,100	6,800	8.6	80,500	73,400	7,100	8.9
December 2008	83,000	78,300	4,600	5.6	83,000	78,200	4,800	5.8

SELECTED LABOR MARKET AREAS, PENNSYLVANIA, AND UNITED STATES
December 2009

AREA NAME	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOY- MENT 2/	UNEMPLOY- MENT	RATE (%) 3/	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED			
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Fulton County LMA	7,400	6,400	1,000	13.8	7,500	6,400	1,000	13.9
Gettysburg mSA	53,500	49,300	4,200	7.8	54,100	49,600	4,400	8.2
Harrisburg-Carlisle MSA	278,300	257,200	21,100	7.6	280,500	258,200	22,300	7.9
Huntingdon mSA	21,800	19,100	2,700	12.3	21,900	19,300	2,600	11.8
Juniata County LMA	11,500	10,500	1,000	8.9	11,500	10,500	1,000	8.6
York-Hanover MSA	224,300	205,000	19,300	8.6	224,000	204,200	19,800	8.9
PENNSYLVANIA	6,294,000	5,759,000	536,000	8.5	6,310,000	5,751,000	560,000	8.9
UNITED STATES	152,693,000	137,953,000	14,740,000	9.7	153,059,000	137,792,000	15,267,000	10.0

ALL DATA ARE ON 2008 BENCHMARKS. SOURCE: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

FOOTNOTES

1/ Estimate of workers by place of residence. These data are controlled to state Current Population Survey (CPS) data which adjusts for commuting and dual job-holding. Workers are counted where they live only once regardless of the number of jobs they may hold. All in-depth inquiries relative to the estimating methodology should be addressed to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. All data are subject to revision during annual benchmarking.

2/ Includes wage and salary workers (including agriculture), self-employed persons, and unpaid family workers (including agriculture), domestic workers, and persons involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ Unemployed as percent of civilian labor force, computed using unrounded data.

TABLE 2

CHAMBERSBURG MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Franklin County)

December 2009**NONFARM JOBS**

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Dec 2009	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Dec 2008	Nov 2009	Dec 2008
Total Nonfarm	56,800	56,800	57,000	60,500	0	-3,700
Total Private	47,900	47,900	48,200	51,600	0	-3,700
Goods-Producing	10,300	10,700	11,000	12,900	-400	-2,600
Mining, Logging, and Construction	2,000	2,300	2,500	2,400	-300	-400
Manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,500	10,500	-100	-2,200
Service-Providing	46,500	46,100	46,000	47,600	400	-1,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,300	13,400	13,300	14,200	-100	-900
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	4,600	4,700	4,800	5,100	-100	-500
Trade	8,700	8,700	8,500	9,100	0	-400
Wholesale trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,800	0	-200
Retail Trade	7,100	7,100	6,900	7,300	0	-200
Financial Activities	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Professional and Business Services	4,800	5,000	4,900	5,200	-200	-400
Education and Health Services	9,500	9,400	9,500	9,100	100	400
Leisure and Hospitality	5,100	4,600	4,700	5,300	500	-200
Other Services	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,700	100	0
Government	8,900	8,900	8,800	8,900	0	0
Federal Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	200
State Government	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,300	0	-200
Local Government	5,300	5,300	5,200	5,300	0	0
Data benchmarked to March 2008	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					